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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on Undated Draft, "Policy Guide  
Governing Public Appearances and Open  
Publication by CIA Employees"

1. This memorandum is in response to your request of 15 November for comments on the subject draft. The thrust of the proposed regulation seems:

a. To maintain and tighten all current restrictions, to continue to require all current clearances, and

b. To place additional responsibilities on the Office Head (para. b., p. 5) for compliance.

2. While nominally (Policy, p. 2., paras. a. and b.) granting additional freedom of action to the employee, this is immediately taken away in the following para. c., which prohibits activities if (my underlining):

"there is a chance of classified information, methods or sources, being disclosed . . . . if there is any likelihood of publicity which might reflect adversely on the Agency . . . .

3. Since there is always a chance of some disclosure by attending a professional society meeting, since any article gives some possibility of generating publicity which might reflect adversely on the Agency, the only safe course is to do nothing. It seems to me such language is so extreme as to defeat the purpose of the draft, if the purpose is to encourage normal professional activity on the part of employees.

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